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ARBORETUM MEMBERS' MAGAZINE

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

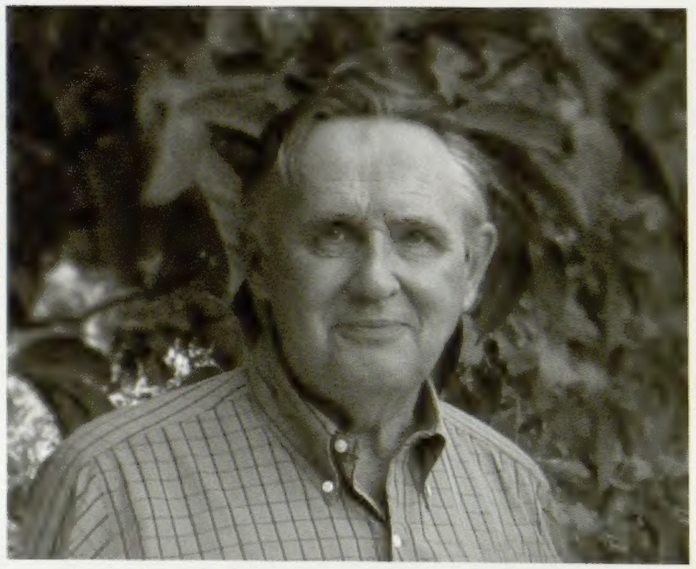
The Romance of Plants

G. Arnold Mulder, M.D.

From time to time as the President of The Arboretum Foundation, I would like to write down a few thoughts that occur to me about The Arboretum. To me, The Arboretum, and large garden spaces like it, are treasures for us to preserve, nurture and pass on. Not only are they unique in themselves, they are fast becoming even more rare. We are all seeing the press of population growth in California produce an urban sprawl unimagined and unpredicted when the Baldwin ranch became The Arboretum. We can thank our lucky stars that we have this beautiful space.

The Arboretum has grown under a series of thoughtful and generous nurturers into a great garden. It is here for our pleasure, play, education and contemplation. We need to remember that gardens are living, evolving and expensive.

The continuous work of upkeep is the same for our great space as it is for each of us in our own yards and gardens. To do so, we must constantly weed, prune, trim, water, mulch, replant and replace, just to stay even. We have our conscientious staff and dedicated volunteers to thank for much of this. We also hope for support from those in our Los Angeles community who see the same value in The Arboretum that we do.



In addition to the value we see now, we have our dreams for the future. Some of these are to enhance a great historical resource, to become a leading educational and research facility, to maintain and improve this place of beautiful plants for families to enjoy.

Our Arboretum CEO and his team have given all of these ideas the thought they deserve, and I am confident we can make most of these dreams a reality. We have plans to rebuild some of our aging structures in graceful and imaginative ways that will add utility to our workplace, but nothing is more important to us than the uncluttered open land for us to enjoy here which we see fast disappearing around us.

My hope is to find ways to work simultaneously and cooperatively on all of our plans, whatever their time frame, so that our future can remain as bright as I feel it is now.

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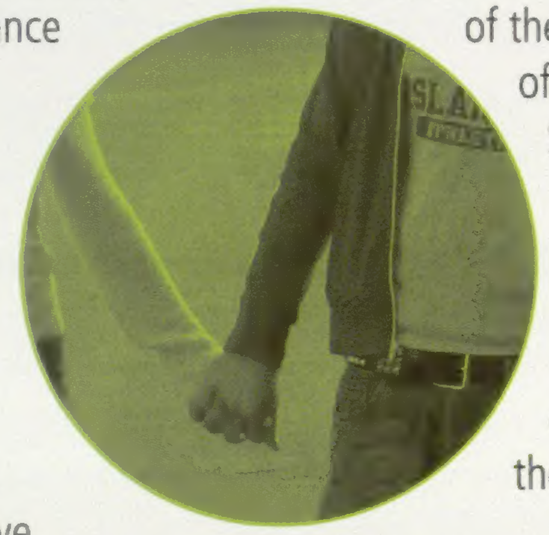
DEAR ARBORETUM MEMBERS

The Romance of Plants

Mark K. Wourms, Ph.D.,

The word "Romance" is historically a tale of chivalry from medieval times, a story beyond the everyday life. Romance is associated with holding hands with another who has captured your heart, walking quietly through a tranquil garden in a world apart. Whether that is "puppy" love of 12-year-olds or the endurance of 80 something "soul mates" romance and love are always surrounded, in the mind's eye, with the green beauty of plants.



For me, I was first captured by the beauty and mystery of plants themselves. Later on, it was Tina Turner who caught the eye of a then 12-year-old, but that's another story for another-time.

To decipher the combination of factors which a plant needs to grow and bloom remains to this day a mystery I must follow. To understand the multitude of relationships a plant has with other plants and the animal world is more fantastic than any science fiction.

The Arboretum delivers romantic settings from the top of Tallac Knoll, to the classic beauty of the Queen Anne Cottage. We offer sonnets of love in the Shakespeare Herb Garden and mysterious relationships throughout the grounds from carnivorous pitcher plants and the microcosms of epiphytic bromeliads, to the legends of "magical" herbs.

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Best of all, we offer numerous events and classes where couples or a larger family can grow together by learning and laughing together.

The Arboretum is full of romance – an escape from everyday life. Bring someone you care about to The Arboretum and share the warmth.

See you in the Garden!

PLANTS & PEOPLE

Food of the gods (and mortals too)

Dr. Jim Bauml, Ph.D., Senior Biologist

Think of the word "chocolate" and what comes to mind? Delectable molded nuggets of a most exquisite flavor? A hot comforting mug of steaming sweet dark liquid with a floating marshmallow? A Venti moca? It's likely that we have all come under the spell of chocolate in one or more of its forms. Its overwhelming universal appeal to the human taste buds is matched only by its fascinating story.

Chocolate is derived from the seeds of the cacao tree, Theobroma cacao in the Sterculia family. The genus name comes from Greek roots, theos or gods, and broma or food. The cacao tree is thought to be originally native to the Amazon Basin of South America, but it is now cultivated through Central America and north to Mexico, as well as in other tropical regions. Curiously, the cacao tree produces its flowers and fruits on the trunk and branches of the tree. The fruits are large, oblong, and yellow at maturity. Inside, the almond-sized seeds are covered with a white mucilaginous pulp that is itself eaten as a sweet snack.

The seeds are bitter in their natural state. These seeds or cacoa beans, as they are called, are fermented for three to ten days, dried and gently roasted. The ground, roasted seeds produce an oily paste with a 50% fat content. Fully half of this fat must be pressed out to produce commercial cocoa in the form of a hard cake. The expressed fat is cocoa butter, widely used in cosmetics.

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The name cacao is derived from the ancient Aztec name "cacahuatl" while the term chocolate is likely derived from "chocolatl" referring to one particular beverage made from cacao beans. In pre-Columbian Mexico, cacao beans were traded as money. With money being no issue, emperor Moctezuma II, at the time of European contact, was reported to take up to 50 servings of his cacao beverage each day. Chocolate beverages of that time were distinctly different. Many things were added, possibly even sugar, but primarily chili peppers as well as vanilla bean. Curiously, it was

reduced to the thickness of honey and eaten cold with a spoon. Chocolate was transformed after its introduction to Europe with chilies omitted and much sugar added.

We cannot cultivate this very tropical tree outdoors in Southern California. But we have a large and healthy specimen on display in the Tropical Greenhouse. With hand-pollination that tree has even been known to set fruit and make cocoa beans. Please come and take a look. It is in the sunken area at the north end against the west wall.

We are truly lucky to have precious chocolate so inexpensive and accessible in our modern world. Imagine that only five hundred years ago, chocolate was only accessible to the highest echelons of society. When you take your next sip or bite, remember you are in good company.

CALENDAR

March 12; 9am to 3pm

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FAIR

Annual fair for educators and families that highlights the importance of conservation and ecology. Exhibitors will entertain and inform young people with hands-on science projects, nature games and demonstrations. For more information call 626.821.4623 or email lisa.beach@arboretum.org.

April 1; 1pm

THE GREAT HEIRLOOM TOMATO SALE AND TALK

A slide show and talk by Steve Goto, owner of Goto Nurseries, featuring the top 25 Tomato Picks for 2005. For more information please call 626.821.4623.

April 23 - May 1

BOTANICAL ART EXHIBIT AND SALE

The Botanical Artists Guild of Southern California presents "Inspired by Nature: Paintings and Drawings by Botanical Artists." Talks and Demonstrations on April 30 from 11.30 am-1.30 pm. See calendar for special times. For more information call 310.478.8411.

Go to www.arboretum.org to see a listing of all our upcoming events

PLANT AHEAD

EXPERIENCE BALDWIN BONANZA AND ENJOY "LIFE IN THE GARDEN"

KICK-OFF EVENTS

PREVIEW PARTY & PLANT SALE April 29; 5pm-8pm
Have your first pick of plants to purchase and be the first to stroll through the garden displays while enjoying complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Tickets are $75.

MOONLIGHT SOIREE April 29; 8pm-11pm
Jazz it up with dinner, dancing and a not-so-silent auction. Tickets are $125 and are limited. Entry to the Preview Party & Plant sale is included.

PLANT SALE & GARDEN SHOW April 30 & May 1; 9am- 4.30pm
Early entrance for members April 30; 8am.
A wide array of plants from rare exotics to popular favorites will be for sale.. Garden displays, children's activities, special exhibits, garden chats and food will celebrate the diversity of cultures and plants from around the world.

SNEAK PEAK

Just some of the plants from The Arboretum collection that will be for sale:

Agapanthus cv. Ella Mae
Combretum fruticosum, Chameleon vine
Eriocephalus africanus, Cape snowbush
Grevillea 'Pink Pearl'
Maireana sedifolia, Pearly bluebush
Tabebuia chrysotricha, Golden trumpet tree
Xanthorrhoea quadrangulata, Australian grass tree

To purchase tickets, call 626.821.3232, or email cynthia.vargas@arboretum.org.
For more information go to www.arboretum.org

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FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL

PULL & POST

February 1 Urban Arboriculture 6-10pm	2	3 Thursday Seminars Bulbs That Naturalize 9.30am-12pm	4	**5** Intro Botanical Illustration 10am-3pm Kids Gardening 9.30am-12pm Family Adventures 2pm-4pm		
7 Botanical Watercolor Workshop 9.30-11.30am	8 Urban Arboriculture 6-10pm	9 Fresh Cooking Class Sweets for your Sweetie 3-5pm	10 Thursday Seminars Moonlit Gardens 9.30am to 12pm	11 Compulsive Gardeners 9.30-12pm Ikebana 9.30-11.30am	**12** Tai-Chi 8am-11am Intro Botanical Illustration 10am-3pm Model Horse Exhibit 10am-4pm	**13**
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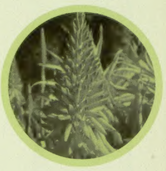
28 Botanical Watercolor Workshop 9.30-11.30am	**March 1** Urban Arboriculture 6-10pm	2 **Coming Up!** **Baldwin Bonanza** **Kick-Off Events** **Apr. 29**	3 **Reserve Tickets Now!**		**5** Tai-Chi 8-11am Rock Show & Sale 9am-4.30pm Kids Gardening 9.30am-12pm Family Adventures 2pm-4pm	**6**
7 Botanical Watercolor Workshop 9.30-11.30am	8 Urban Arboriculture 6-10pm	9 Fresh Cooking Class Whole Foods Market 3-5pm	10 Thursday Seminars Soils 9.30am to 12pm	11 Compulsive Gardeners 9.30-12pm Ikebana 9.30-11.30am	**12** Tai-Chi 8-11am Intro Botanical Illustration 10am-5pm Asian Art Book Workshop 10am-2pm Environmental Ed. Fair 9am-3pm	
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28 Botanical Watercolor Workshop 9.30-11.30am	29 Urban Arboriculture 6-10pm	30 **Coming Up!** **Great Tomato sale** **April 1; 1pm**	31 Thursday Seminars The Summer Garden 9.30am to 12pm	**April 1** Compulsive Gardeners 9.30-12pm Ikebana 9.30-11.30am	**2** Santa Anita Derby 5K Run 8am Iris Show & Sale 12.30pm-4.30pm Kids Gardening 9.30am-12pm Family Adventures 2pm-4pm	**3** Iris Show & Sale 12.30pm-4.30pm
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25 Botanical Art Show 12pm-4pm	26 Botanical Art Show 12pm-4pm Urban Arboriculture 6-10pm	27 Botanical Art Show 12pm-4pm	28 Botanical Art Show 12pm-4pm Thursday Seminars Plant Exploration 9.30am to 12pm	29 **Reservation Only** **Preview Party & Plant Sale** 9.30-12pm Moonlight Soiree 8-11pm	**30** **Baldwin Bonanza** 9am-4.30pm Botanical Art Show Flower Arranging Show	**May 1** **Baldwin Bonanza** 9am-4.30pm Botanical Art Show Flower Arranging Show

For detailed information on these events and classes go to www.arboretum.org and click on calendar.
To register for a class or series, please call the class information line 626.821.4623
Pre-registration is required for most classes.
For membership information call 626.821.3233

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Admission closes at 4.30pm

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KIDS IN NATURE

Kids in Nature Activity
The ABCs of "Lovely" Flowers

Lisa Beach, Education Specialist

Flowers are given and received for all occasions to show thoughtfulness, love or to express feelings which words are unable to convey. Many people have their own special meanings attached to flowers. The following are a few flowers and trees that grow here at The Arboretum and represent beautiful meanings of love and friendship.

Come with your family on a scavenger hunt for these lovely flowers and trees (no collecting, please.) - and next time you visit the local florist, you'll have a recipe for a perfectly "lovely" arrangement!

ACACIA (yellow): Secret love
BACHELOR'S BUTTON: Devotion, Hope, Love
CALLA LILY: Magnificent beauty
DANDELION: Love's oracle
ESCHSCHOLTZIA: Do not refuse me
FERN: Fascination, Magic, Sincerity
GERANIUM: (rose) Preference
HAWTHORN: Hope
IVY: Fidelity, Friendship, Marriage, Wedded love
JASMINE: (cape) I am too happy
KINGCUP: Riches
LILAC (purple): Fastidiousness, first love
MINT: Let us be friends again
NANDINA: My love will grow warmer
ORCHID: You are a belle, You flatter me
PASSION FLOWER: Faith, holy love
QUINCE-BLOSSOM: Temptation
ROSE: Love
SHAMROCK: Loyalty
TULIP (red): Declaration of love
ULMUS (Elm): Freedom
VIOLET (blue): Faithfulness, love, loyalty
WATER LILY: Purity of the heart
XANTHORRHOEA (Grass Tree): Yellow
YARROW: Cure for heartache
ZINNIA: Thoughts of absent friends

The Garden Conservancy presents its Open Days Program

Visit some of the finest gardens in the Pasadena area

April 24
10am-4pm

Tickets will be available at The Arboretum Sunset Garden
9:30am-3:30pm

You can purchase the Open Days Garden Directory in advance at The Gift Shop

For more information and advance ticket sales go to:
www.gardenconservancy.org or call 626.821.4623

CONNECT

March 26

Easter Egg Hunt, Make & Take Activities, Refreshments & Prizes
Session 1: 11am-12noon; Session 2: 2-3pm
$5/per child for members; $10/per child for non-members
Please call 626.821.3233 to register
Pre-registration is encouraged; Walk-ins accepted while supplies last

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MEET AND GREET

The Wedding Coordinator

Since June 2001, Veda has been helping couples make their dream-wedding a reality. As the Wedding Coordinator, Veda handles all the wedding location rentals and wedding photography shoots held year-round. What Veda enjoys most at The Arboretum is working with the positive-thinking staff in such a the beautiful environement, "it gives me the feeling of working in paradise."

She knows The Arboretum inside and out-from the romantic Victorian Rose Garden to the exotic Tropical Forest. Veda takes pride in making every couple's wedding one of the most memorable moments of their lives. Not only will you find someone that will alleviate the stress of planning a wedding, but a friend who truly cares to make your wedding unique and special.
Contact Veda at 626.821.3205 or via email veda.williams@arboretum.org.

Welcome New Volunteers

Thirty-two volunteers completed this year's Los Voluntarios New Volunteer Orientation, conducted annually September through November. It provides an in-depth look at The Arboretum's grounds, historical buildings, and plant collections, and presents informative lectures on related topics. Volunteers assist in all areas of The Arboretum – from the gardens to the offices to the gift shop – so if you see someone sporting a bright green shirt and/or a volunteer name badge, please say hi!
The Arboretum is delighted to welcome the following fall orientation graduates:

Cathy Armstrong, Carol Carriere, Masa Chiang, Amy Chen, Yoshi Chen, Yarnie Chen, Belinda Chuang, Sarah Corrice, Gloria Cox, Edna Curtis, Paul Drew, Eva Fan, Linda Haberle, Karen LeBrun, Dian Moravek, Martha Muller, James Olsen, Fred Orellano, Christine Parent, Dorothea Paul, Eric Perry, Robert Peters, Joel Quick, Jason Sacco, Daniel Sheppard, Miguel Tamagno, Helen Weber, Maury Weiss, Nathalie Windegger, Tzyh-Ran Wu, Una Yeh, Shirley Yocum

GRAPEVINE

A Brand New Coat

The Queen Anne Cottage is now sporting a brand new coat, actually three full coats of paint. Old fashioned detective work and high-resolution scans of Lucky Baldwin era photographs allowed us to determine colors, patterns and specialized exterior details, including size and shape of the roof shingles, to more accurately represent the Cottage as it was when originally constructed in 1885-86. To take a closer look don't miss the Mother's Day Open House May 8, 10am to 4 pm. For more information contact Sandy Snider 626.821.3207.

The Aquamog Comes by for a Visit

The floating ship you might have seen on the Baldwin Lake was no Loch Ness monster, but the Aquamog, a state-of-the-art, self-propelled, aquatic maintenance and restoration vessel. The tules and cyperus have been cleared out around the lake. Not only will the dredging help alleviate mosquito breeding, but it also improves the view from Tule Pond. Come by and take a look for yourself.

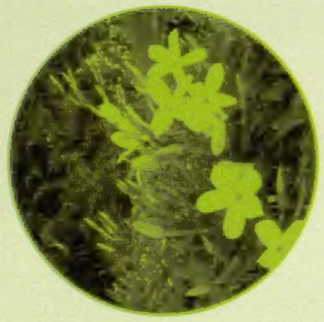
No Green Thumb Required

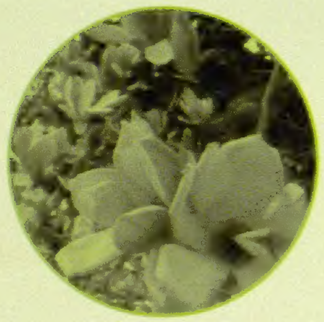
Now you can purchase Flexrake specialty gardening tools at The Arboretum. A display of the different varieties can be seen inside the Gift Shop. Stop by after a walk through the garden and ask Marc Hall, the Gift Shop Manager, to show you how fabulous these tools really are; and while you are at it, ask him for some gardening tips. Whether you enjoy weeding, pruning or cutting your most fragrant roses to brighten up someone's day, you'll find the right tool for the job.

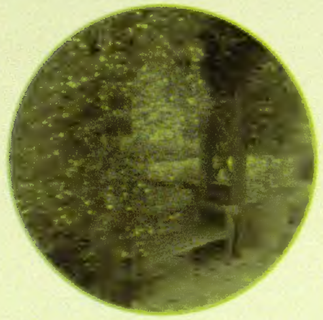
DISCOVERY TRAILS

Plants of Love

Jim Bauml, Ph.D., Senior Biologist







In springtime a young man's or woman's fancy turns toward romance. And what better place to feel the fullness of the season but among the first glorious blooms of spring's advance among The Arboretum's verdant paths. Among the many candidates for Cupid's bouquet are several special items that rank among the most inspirational of nature's gifts.

First on the list is Jasmine. Who would not but be inspired who meets a waft of the rich sweet perfume from the flowers of the jasmine vine? With the first warm nights of late winter, the jasmines snap out of their cold-induced lethargy in a burst of passionate growth. Some types, like the *Jasminum polyanthum*, blanket themselves in an utter profusion of creamy white. Other types, like the Poet's jasmine (*J. officinale*) (yes, they inspire writers too) have fewer flowers, but each one packs a bigger dose of perfume. The latter is growing well on an arbor in the Herbs of the World (Herb Garden) area in the center of The Arboretum. It blooms almost every month of the year.

A treat for both the eye and the nose is none other than the rose. There is no stronger messenger of love than a rose bud unfurling its pristine blood-red petals. Such beauty is only rendered more fervent by the rich and ardent perfume that some varieties are wont to share with the humans who tend them. The Arboretum's Rose Garden is host to many fine and inspiring specimens.

A more modest, unassuming love plant is the subtropical American herb or miniature shrub damiana (*Turnera diffusa*) that bears characteristic small saw-tooth leaves and small yellow flowers. It has a reputation as a gentle stimulator of romantic sentiment throughout the Caribbean, Mexico, and Central America where it grows wild. The race of damiana from southern Baja California has been named *T. diffusa* var. *aphrodisiaca* in obvious honorific. It can be brewed into a pleasant tea for springtime or anytime. Joan McGuire has had great success growing this rarely cultivated species in the Herbs of the World area. However, since it cannot handle even our occasional freezes and winter wet conditions, it is currently being propagated in the greenhouses for replanting in the warm nurturing rays of the spring sunshine. Meanwhile, you can purchase bagged samples in the herb section of your local Latin American market.

These and many more plants can make a visit to The Arboretum in the springtime a romantic event.

Come see for yourself.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

In Memory of Those You Love

The Arboretum's memorial program offers a special way to recognize loved ones. Benches with name plaques, a selection of trees from our collection, and a limited number of urns and statuary can be placed in tranquil and inspiring locations throughout The Arboretum's pastoral grounds and gardens.

You can also select from a limited number of trees from our collection and a limited amount of urns, and statuary in memorial of those you love.

For further information about The Arboretum's memorial program, please call Ivonne Escobedo at 626.821.3233

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